

REMARKS

Claims 15-26 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, Claim 16 is amended, and Claims 1-4 and 6-14 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and Claims 20-26 are added. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following Remarks.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that Claims 15-19 are allowable. By this Amendment, Claims 1-4 and 6-14 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. By this Amendment, Claim 16 is amended to correct a typographical error.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

Should Examiner Ross believe anything further would be desirable in order to place the application in better condition for allowance; the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

It is believed that any additional fees due with respect to this paper have already been identified. However, if any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this paper, permission is given to charge account number 50-2867 in the name of Kennametal, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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